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Staff meeting.

I had a talk with Dr. Compton about the budget presentation for IIA and the questions [redacted] raised by the Bureau of the Budget. The two principal ones seem to be (1) whether IIA should control all information activities abroad, and (2) whether it should be under the aegis of the State Department or should become an independent agency.

We had a meeting in Dean's office about Iran, and considered Paul Nitze's proposals for settling the affair by payment of oil as compensation to AIOC, plus a distribution deal in which American companies would be included. Further consideration of this question will require the Attorney General's consent to our meeting with the heads of the major American oil companies before proceeding to conversations with the British, and finally with the Iranians, [redacted]

Harold Shantz, Minister-Designate to Rumania, called on me and afterwards I had a talk with Martin Herz, [redacted] here on leave from the Embassy in Paris.

Eddie Miller and Messrs. Matthews and Mann met with me to talk over a situation in Latin America that General Smith had spoken to me about yesterday.

The Chinese Ambassador paid a courtesy call, and afterwards I saw Jack McCloy before meeting with him and a large number of other people in the Secretary's office. There, McCloy outlined the work [redacted] he has undertaken on a temporary basis for the Ford Foundation with a view to developing certain programs calculated to have an impact on bringing about peaceful conditions in the world. This is a tall order, and there

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was a great deal of talk about it.

I met Messrs. Martin and McWilliams and we arrived at a tolerably satisfactory settlement of budget figures for TCA.

We had a despatch in today from Prague saying [redacted] our Chargé d'Affaires there had been given permission by the Czech Government to see William Oatis. There were Czech officials present throughout the interview. Oatis appeared to be in good physical shape and said he was not being maltreated in any way. I telephoned Mrs. Oatis in St. Paul, and gave her a detailed account of what had been reported to us.

I had another talk just before dinner with Jack McCloy about his Ford Foundation schemes.

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